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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Stuart C. Hansen

Application No. 09/976,417

Filed: October 12, 2001

For: ION MIRROR FOR TIME-OF-  
FLIGHT MASS  
SPECTROMETER

Art Unit: 2881

Examiner: Paul M. Gurzo

Atty Docket: 10010582-1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 4 April 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 12 and 13 without prejudice or acquiescence.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 14-16 remain in the case.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courteous and helpful telephone interview on 19 May 2003. No agreement was reached during this interview.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zhang et al. "A Novel Non-linear Ion Mirror with Only Three Elements".